

***SPECIAL STATUS APPLICATION***

Appl. No. 10/659,413

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

32. (currently amended) An antiseptic composition comprising at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the antiseptic composition has a bactericidal effect over a broad spectrum of microbes, wherein the antiseptic composition has a pH of at least 9.5, and wherein the antiseptic composition is packaged in a sterile, pyrogen-free form ~~safe and biocompatible, at least in modest volumes, in a patient's bloodstream.~~

Claim 33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, ~~54~~, 55, or 56, comprising tri-sodium and tetra-sodium EDTA.

Claims 35-36 (canceled)

37. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, ~~54~~, 55, or 56, wherein the solvent comprises less than 10% (v/v) ethanol and water.

Claim 38. (canceled)

39. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, ~~54~~, ~~55~~ or 56, wherein the solvent comprises saline.

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40. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, 54, 55 or 56, that is substantially free from an ~~agent~~ active substance other than EDTA salt(s) having antimicrobial and/or antifungal activity that is at least 50% of the anti-microbial and/or antifungal activity of a sodium EDTA salt composition in aqueous solution at a concentration of 2.4% (w/v) and at a pH of 10.5.

41. (previously presented) A composition of claim 32 formulated for topical application to surfaces and objects.

42. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56, comprising tri- and tetra-sodium EDTA salts in an aqueous solvent at a concentration of between 2.0% and 8.0% (w/v) EDTA salt(s).

Claim 43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) A composition of ~~any of claims 32, 54, or 55, or 56,~~ in a sterile, pyrogen-free form.

45. (currently amended) A composition provided in a dry or partially hydrated formulation that, upon reconstitution with a solvent, forms an antiseptic composition of any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56.

46. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56 in sterile condition in a pre-filled syringe.

47. (currently amended) A composition of any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56 in a sterile condition in a single-dosage vial.

Claims 48-54 (canceled)

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55. (currently amended) An antiseptic composition comprising at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the antiseptic composition has a bactericidal effect over a broad spectrum of microbes, wherein the antiseptic composition has a pH of at least 9.5, wherein the solvent comprises saline, and wherein the antiseptic composition has an osmolarity of from 240 – 500 mOsM/Kg.

56. (currently amended) A lock flush composition comprising at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the lock flush composition has a pH of at least 9.5, wherein the lock flush composition is sterile and pyrogen-free, and wherein the lock flush composition is ~~safe and~~ biocompatible for use in in-dwelling access catheters, urinary catheters, nasal tubes and throat tubes.

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